

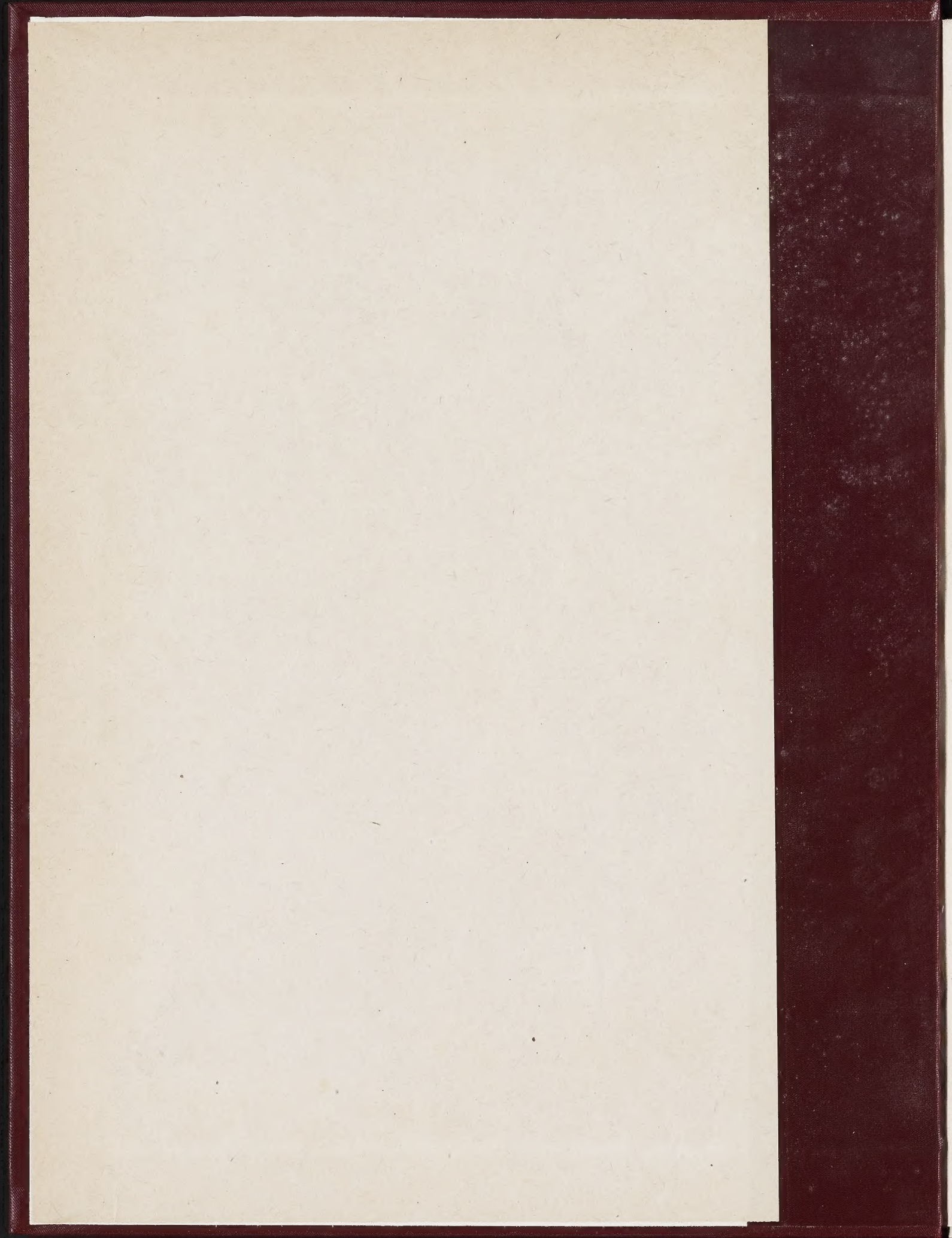
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WRITERS' CONFERENCE

THE CRUMB

1944







## LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

Middlebury College  
Middlebury, Vermont

1944

Herewith are a few suggestions to help you in making your plans for attending the Conference. The railroad station for Bread Loaf is Middlebury, Vermont. Please be sure to notify me exactly when you will arrive at Middlebury. As special arrangements have to be made for your transportation to Bread Loaf, it is necessary that we know at what hour of what day you will arrive. Free transportation can be furnished on Monday, August 14, only, as specified in the bulletin. A slip is enclosed for your convenience in notifying us regarding arrival.

The enclosed tags are for your baggage. Be sure to mark each piece with your name. When you arrive in Middlebury, you will be met at the train by a representative of the Conference who will show you to a car from Bread Loaf. Please hand him your baggage checks in a sealed envelope with your name on it. He will see that your baggage is delivered at your room.

As soon as you arrive at Bread Loaf please sign the register at the office of the Inn. As promptly as possible thereafter please register at the office of the Director, bringing your manuscripts if you are a contributor.

Monday, August 14, will be devoted to registration. The fee for Conference members includes board, which begins with noon meal on the opening day. If you wish to arrive before that time, arrangements should be made in advance with the Manager of the Inn, Bread Loaf, Vermont. The first exercise of the Conference will be held at 8:00 (E.W.T.) Monday evening, August 14. All members of the Conference should be present for this gathering. Regular meetings will begin Tuesday morning, August 15.

A representative of the Treasurer's Office of the College will be at Bread Loaf on the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 14, when all bills are payable. Make all payments to the order of Middlebury College in money orders or cashier checks, if possible. A card is enclosed indicating the balance due on your account, which may be paid by mail in advance if desired.

Please tell your correspondents to address you simply: Bread Loaf, Vermont. Bread Loaf is a summer post office. Parcel post may be sent in advance addressed to yourself at Bread Loaf. Express packages should be addressed: Middlebury, Vermont, Bread Loaf Inn, notifying me in advance. They will be collected from the Middlebury office and delivered to you at the Inn.



# Pro party of S. A. Freeman



## THE CRUMB

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August 14, 1944.

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Middlebury College and the Conference staff welcome you cordially. This bulletin, THE CRUMB, is the official newspaper of the Conference, and will be left each morning at your place in the dining-room. It will contain notices of lectures, discussions and other activities of the Conference.

### REGISTRATION

All members of the Conference are asked to register as soon as possible. Registration should be completed in three steps:

- (1) Inquire at the Inn desk for your room.
- (2) As soon as possible after going to your room and disposing of your baggage, register with the Director of the Conference, Mr. Morrison, in his office. If you are a Contributor, bring your manuscripts with you at this time.
- (3) Complete payment of fees with Mrs. Madden, the business representative of Middlebury College. Even if your fees are paid in full, kindly see Mrs. Madden at this time so that Conference records may be complete.

### OPENING MEETING

At 8 o'clock this evening the opening meeting of the Conference will be held in the Little Theatre. The Director will outline the program and offer suggestions for making the best possible use of it. After this meeting all Conference members are invited to meet informally in the Club Room in the Barn.

### DINING ROOM NOTICE

Meal hours for the Conference are as follows:

Breakfast.....	8:00 to 8:30
(Coffee and muffins available in the Barn, 8:30 - 9:15)	
Lunch.....	1:00 to 1:15
Dinner.....	6:15 to 6:30

Conference members are asked to keep these hours promptly, remembering that both the Conference and the Bread Loaf School of English are in session together and that, with help scarce, the Inn staff is under heavy pressure.

# *Paintings*

by

ARTISTS OF VERMONT

Celebration of

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

BREADLOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

AUGUST 18, 19, 1944

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|----|----------------|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| 1. | SUMMER GREEN   | - | - | - | <i>Clay Bartlett</i>      |
| 2  | BACK COUNTRY   | - | - | - | <i>Horace Brown</i>       |
| 3  | SAINT FRANCIS  |   |   |   |                           |
|    | ON ROUTE SEVEN | - | - |   | <i>Francis Colburn</i>    |
| 4  | SHINING ROOFS  | - | - | - | <i>Wallace Fahnestock</i> |
| 5  | RAIN           | - | - | - | <i>Arthur Healy</i>       |
| 6  | HARBOUR        | - | - | - | <i>Peggy Kaiser</i>       |
| 7  | DORSET         | - | - | - | <i>Herbert Mayer</i>      |
| 8  | COCOANUT PALM  | - | - | - | <i>Carl Ruggles</i>       |
| 9  | SECOND BALCONY | - | - |   | <i>Ronald Slayton</i>     |
| 10 | COOKSTOVE      | - | - | - | <i>Prindle Wissler</i>    |

*Retrospective water colors by Mr. Healy*



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### LECTURES

9:30 Miss Mirrieles: Writing Attitudes and Habits

11:00 Mr. Pratt: The Moment of Inertia

2:30 Mr. Stegner: Aspects of the Novel

### EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Frost will be the speaker this evening.

### FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS

The starting time of School of English classes will be announced by a short peal on the Inn bell; for Conference events the bell will toll. The lectures of the School of English are open to Conference members at an Auditor's fee of \$1.00 for each lecture. Arrangements for attendance may be made at the Inn desk.

### RATION BOOKS

Will Conference members leave their ration books at the Inn desk as soon as possible?

### NEW YORK TIMES

A few subscriptions to the New York Times are available to the first who sign up for them at the Inn desk.

### STENOGRAPHER?

Please see Dr. Oberndorff.

### CONTEMPORARY PAINTING

The exhibition of paintings now hanging in the Barn Chamber was selected by Mr. Arthur K. D. Healy, Artist in Residence in Middlebury College, who will give the Conference two illustrated evening lectures on contemporary art and talk with members about the exhibited pictures at an informal afternoon gathering. Mr. Healy, a graduate of Princeton and the Princeton School of Fine Arts, studied at Fontainebleau in 1927 and was for some years a practicing architect in New York and Vermont. Well-known as a water colorist, Mr. Healy won the American Water Color Society Prize in 1936 and has exhibited his work in many one-man shows in Boston and New York and in group exhibitions throughout the country.



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### LECTURES

9:30 Mr. Morrison: Poetical Substance and Where  
to Look for It

11:00 Mrs. Everitt: Guides to Defrustration

2:30 Mr. Pratt: Assembling the Material

### EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Healy: The Derivations of Modern Art

### DINING ROOM NOTICE

It is necessary to underline the meal hours as previously stated. Breakfast: 8:00 to 8:30, or be cordially received in the Barn; Lunch: 1:00 to 1:15; Dinner: 6:15 to 6:30. Will members please observe these hours?

### STATE LAW: NO PARKING

A parking lot near the Barn is provided for Bread Loaf cars. Members should be careful to keep their cars there, as they are liable to fine for parking in the roadway in front of the Inn or cottages.

### MAGAZINES

The collection of magazines in the Barn Chamber is supplied to the Conference by courtesy of the publishers for reference by members. Please do not remove copies.

### CAN YOU TYPEWRITE?

One of our members would like the services of a typist for an hour or two a day. If you can take slow dictation (shorthand, longhand, or on the typewriter) and wish to do this work, will you kindly leave word at the Inn desk?

### BALL GAME

The annual Conference soft-ball game will be held at Frost Field on Sunday afternoon, weather permitting. The game will feature such players as Flash Frost, Slugger Morrison, Babe Collins and Lefty Everitt. Beaver Pratt will umpire, and Slim Healy is readying himself for second base. Will other players please sign up on the bulletin board, so that teams can be chosen?



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### LECTURES

9:30 Mr. Stegner: Points of View

11:00 Miss Mirrieles: Topic Unannounced

2:30 Mr. Morrison: Verse: from Substance toward  
Technique

### BALLAD SINGER

8:00 Mrs. Helen Harkness Flanders, famous for her collection of New England ballads, will speak to the School of English this evening on balladry. Conference members are of course invited to attend. Asa Davis, old-time ballad singer of Milton, Vermont, will illustrate her lecture with the songs themselves.

### SQUARE DANCE

8:45 After the ballad singing, the Little Theater will be cleared for an old-fashioned square dance, Pinky Johnson and his fiddlers furnishing the country music. Everybody come, and don't dress warm.

### CAMERA LOST

An Agfa camera was lost around the Inn or Little Theater yesterday. Will the finder kindly return it either to Miss Helen Miller or to the Inn desk?

### TRANSPORTATION

As reservations are very hard to get, it is not too early to speak to the Bookstore manager if you wish railroad or bus tickets or reservations bought for you.

### FOREST FIRES

Because of the continuation of the serious drought, there is now great danger of forest fires in the Bread Loaf region. Will members kindly use the utmost care in putting out cigarettes and matches both around the Inn porches and in the neighborhood.



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### LECTURES

9:30 Miss Mirrielee: The Use of Implication and Time

11:00 Colonel Greene and Mr. Pratt: The Article

2:30 Mr. Morrison: Verse Technique

### PICNIC SUPPER

6:00 As the Bread Loaf School of English will begin its celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary this evening with a formal dinner, attended by many alumni, visitors and distinguished guests, the staff and members of the Conference will join in a picnic supper on the lawns behind the Inn. In case of rain, although the Crumb weather bureau predicts a fair, cool day, the supper will be served in the Barn Chamber.

### EVENING LECTURE

8:30 Mr. Louis Untermeyer will be the speaker this evening.

### BALL GAME

Preparations continue for the soft-ball game Sunday afternoon at the Frost farm. If you have ever seen a base-ball you are eligible to sign up for one of the teams. Please sign up soon, on the sheet posted near the Director's office, so that team-captains Flash Frost and Slugger Morrison can form their plans for action.

### BOOKSTORE HOURS

The bookstore will be open from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.; 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.; and 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.



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### LECTURES

9:30 Mr. Stegner: Developing the Novel

11:00 Miss Mirrielees: Time and the Person

### TRAIL GUIDES

As most members have discovered, the region surrounding Bread Loaf Inn is threaded with pleasant paths and woods roads. The Long Trail, which follows the skyline of the Green Mountains from Massachusetts to Canada, crosses the main road only two miles above the Inn. For information about interesting walks to nearby points, please consult the Inn desk.

### CONVOCATION

8:00 Conference members are invited to the convocation of the Bread Loaf School of English in which the School's celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary will culminate. The principal speakers will be Dr. Robert M. Gay of Simmons College, formerly the Director of the Bread Loaf School of English and the Writers' Conference, and Dr. Ernest Hopkins, President of Dartmouth College. An honorary degree will be awarded.

### PIANO RECITAL

After a short intermission following the academic ceremonial, there will be a recital of piano music by Miss Verona Durick. The program will include selections from Schumann, Chopin and Poulenc.

### BALL GAME AGAIN

As the soft-ball game between Frost's Wildcats and Morrison's Hill-billies promises to be a furious affair, members are advised to plan their Sunday afternoon so as to be in attendance. The walk to the Frost farm can be made in about twenty minutes by average walkers. Those who wish to play have still the opportunity to sign up on the bulletin board near the Director's office.



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### DINNER HOUR

Dinner will be served today at 1:15 p.m. The evening meal will be a supper served at 6:15.

### TRIP TO FROST FIELD

It is hoped that most of the Conference members will make the walk to the Frost Field to attend the soft-ball game today at 2:45. Average walkers should allow about twenty minutes for the walk. For those who wish to ride, a truck will leave the Inn porch at 2:15. Weather permitting, the game ought to be a good one, with Morrison's Hillbillies conceded a slight edge on the odds against Mash Frost's Wildcats.

### READING

Mr. Morrison will give a reading of modern poetry, including selections from Dorothy Parker and other light verse, in the Little Theater this evening. The reading will begin about eight o'clock, and will be announced by the bell.

### BRIDGE REGISTRY

Members eager for bridge but unable to find a fourth should leave their names with Mr. Jarvis Mason's bridge registry.

### LIBRARY

Various books requested by members have now been received by the Library. These books should be called for soon.

### NURSE'S HOUR

The Inn nurse will be in her office in Annex #6 for a few minutes after breakfast and after lunch each day for consultation by members who may have minor ailments or injuries.



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No. 8

LECTURES AND CLINICS

9:30 Mr. Stegner: Novel Clinic

11:00 Such A Business! -- Advice on publication by  
Mr. Collins and Mr. Everitt.

2:30 Mr. Morrison: Verse Clinic

WATER COLOR DEMONSTRATION

4:00 Mr. Healy will be in the Barn Chamber this afternoon to talk with interested members about the paintings exhibited there; and he will give a demonstration of water color painting.

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Pratt will be the speaker this evening. His topic: Is It Still Our War?

BOOK EXHIBIT

There will be an exhibition of books in the Blue Parlor this afternoon. Many of the more recent books of staff members will be represented.

BALL GLOVE

The ball glove used at first base in the game yesterday can be regained by its owner in the Director's office.

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LECTURES AND CLINICS

9:30 Mrs. Everitt: The Point of What's-Its-Name

11:00 Mr. Collins, Mrs. Everitt, Mr. Pratt: Editorial Conference. (Members are asked to present ideas for articles, which will be considered by a conference of editors.)

2:30 Mr. Morrison: Verse Clinic

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Stegner will be the speaker this evening. His topic: The Unaccepted

TRANSPORTATION: PLEASE NOTE

All members wishing train tickets, and all those who have already made reservations through the Bookstore, must make their payments at the Bookstore by 2:00 p.m. today. The money should be handed in at the Bookstore in sealed envelopes which are endorsed (on the outside, please) with name; date of departure; destination; and amount of money enclosed. Miss Butler, the Bookstore manager, will appreciate your following this form as she has a great many reservations to arrange.

SWEATER LOST

Will anyone discovering a navy-blue cardigan sweater kindly leave it in the Director's office or get it to Miss Mary Hill.



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No. 10

### LECTURES AND CLINICS

9:30 Mr. Stegner: Novel Clinic

11:00 Mr. Pratt: What Am I Doing Here?

2:30 Mr. Morrison: Verse Clinic

### EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Miss Catherine Drinker Bowen, author of Yankee from Olympus, will speak to the Conference this evening on the topic: The Making of a Biography.

### LOST

An eyeglass case: please return to the Inn desk or to Miss Malvina Slonin.

### LOST

In a bath-tub of the main Inn, a large and handsome bath brush: please return to the same place.

### TRANSPORTATION

Will members kindly call for their tickets and reservations at the Bookstore?

### SQUARE DANCE

There will be a square dance at the Ripton Community House tonight to which interested members can adjourn after the evening lecture. All Bread Loafers are invited and the admission is 40¢.

### I CONFESS!!

A group of members interested in writing for the confession magazines have arranged to meet with Mrs. Harriet Crittenden in the Blue Parlor this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Everyone with an interest in that specialty is urged to attend.

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LECTURES AND CLINICS

9:30 Mr. Stegner: Novel Clinic

11:00 Miss Mirrielees: What's Wrong with This?

2:30 Mr. Morrison: Verse Clinic

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Healy will speak this evening on contemporary American art.

LIBRARY NOTICE

Library books borrowed by Conference members should be returned to the Library by five o'clock tomorrow.

PHOTOGRAPH EXCHANGE

Members who have ordered photographs at the Bookstore and who may be leaving Bread Loaf before the prints arrive here should leave a self-addressed envelope, enclosing 6¢ for each print, at the Bookstore.

DEMI-TASSE

After-dinner coffee will be served to the Conference this evening in the Blue Parlor.



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### LECTURES AND CLINICS

9:30 Mrs. Everitt: Stop Me If You've Heard This Before

11:00 Mr. Pratt: Article Clinic

2:30 Mr. Frost will speak this afternoon.

### CONFERENCE BANQUET

6:30 The Conference banquet will be held this evening, with brief after-dinner speeches. Staff and members are asked to observe the stated hour promptly. Formal dress is entirely optional.

### PROGRAM TOMORROW

The final meeting of the Conference will be held tomorrow morning at 9:30. Most of the members of the staff will be present and will try, in short talks, to cover points of discussion that have arisen in previous lectures and clinics.

### LIBRARY BOOKS

Books borrowed by members must be returned by 5:00 this afternoon.

### RATION BOOKS

Any Conference member who has not turned in his ration book at the Inn desk should do so at once. To fail to do so would involve the Inn dietitian in considerable difficulty.

### LOST

A large, blue plastic button was lost on Monday evening. Will the finder kindly turn it in at the Inn desk? It matches.

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### FINAL MEETING

The last clinic will be held at 9:30 this morning. Members of the Conference are asked to submit questions in writing, addressed to staff members individually and by name. Questions may be about any points of writing which members wish to bring up, but may well concern particular points which were insufficiently developed in lectures or in preceding clinics. The meeting will take the form of a panel discussion in which both staff and members participate.

### FROST FARM

Everyone is invited to call at the Frost farm on Saturday afternoon. Members who are leaving this evening or tomorrow may welcome the opportunity to take this walk.

### TO MIDDLEBURY

Will members kindly be sure that their names are on the proper taxi list on the bulletin board near the Director's office?

### LUGGAGE

If you have luggage too heavy to carry to the Inn porch, kindly inform the Inn desk at once.

### NOTE TO PHILIP

Friends of Mr. Philip Cohen will want to write a message to him on the round robin letter posted on the bulletin board. Executive in charge of posting this letter is Miss Emma Woody.

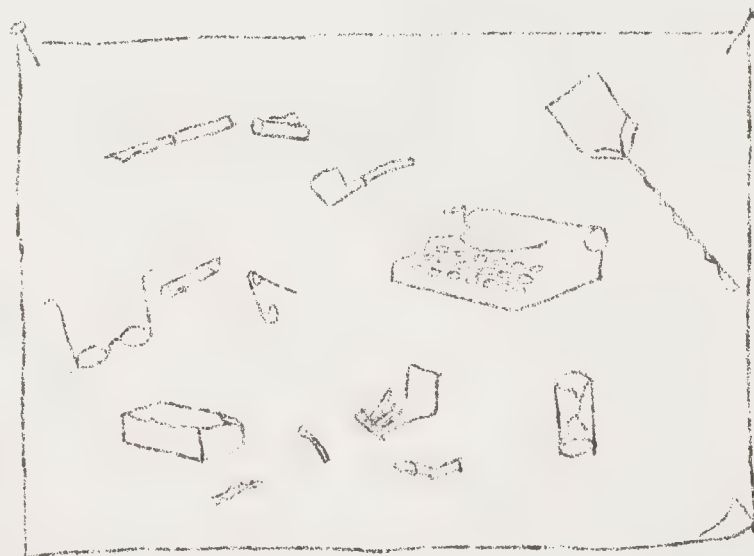


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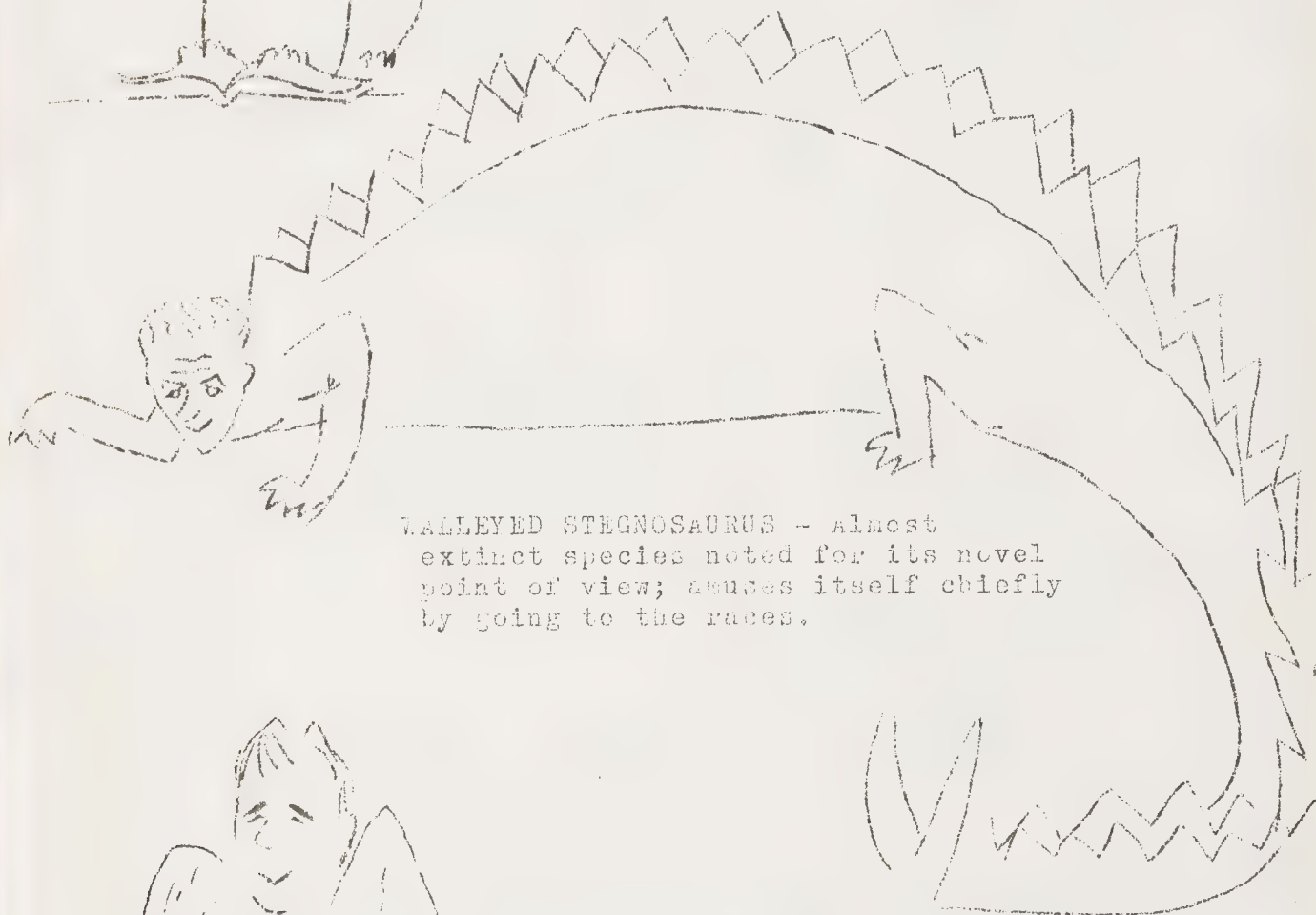
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THE ANIMALS

NOTICE  
These objects were removed  
from the stomach of a  
deceased  
BREADLOAFER  
last  
year



BE CAREFUL - PRESERVE OUR WILDLIFE

SPHINX MIRRIELES Habitat - the better  
magazines. This is the Conradean, or  
reversed species which, instead of ask-  
ing questions of its victims, answers  
their questions for them. Anatomists  
describe the heart of this species as  
the largest known to science.



VALLEYED STEGNOSAURUS - Almost  
extinct species noted for its novel  
point of view; amuses itself chiefly  
by going to the races.

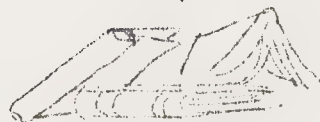


GIANT FROST OWL - chiefly a  
nocturnal species, remarkable  
for its song. Unlike the similar  
Homeric frost owl, it is able to  
see for great distances in time  
and space.





SQUARE  
EGGS

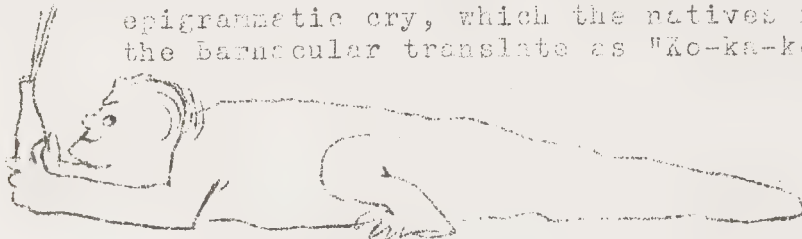


DUCKBILLED PRATTYPUS - Habitat, Bushy  
promontories. Abhors all eggs except  
its own, which are square, and of which  
it produces about four a year.

BALD EAGLE - Habitat, High Office  
Buildings. Known to carry off  
infant authors to its nest,  
where it regurgitates them -  
with a slight carrion charge.



(Below) HEALY MONSTER. This gaily colored animal is  
frequently observed displaying its well-articulated limbs under  
the bushes in the Treman district of Breadloaf and uttering its  
epigrammatic cry, which the natives familiar with  
the Barnacular translate as "Ko-ka-ko-la."

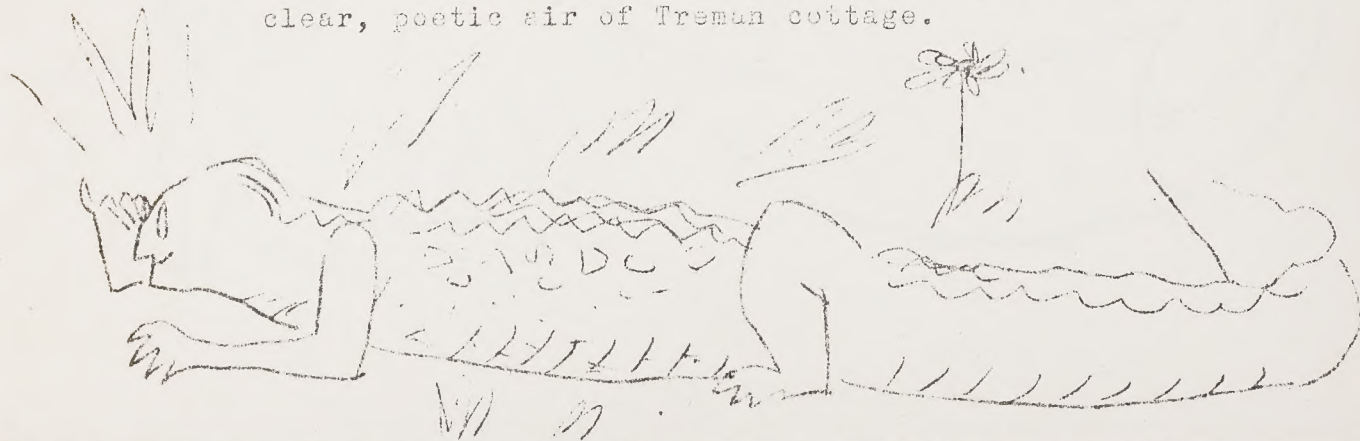


# LION-INN HOSPITAL



Kay Morrison - Meet the nurse at the (literary) Lion Inn Hospital. Customers may buy samples of her salve for wounded reputations by applying at the desk.

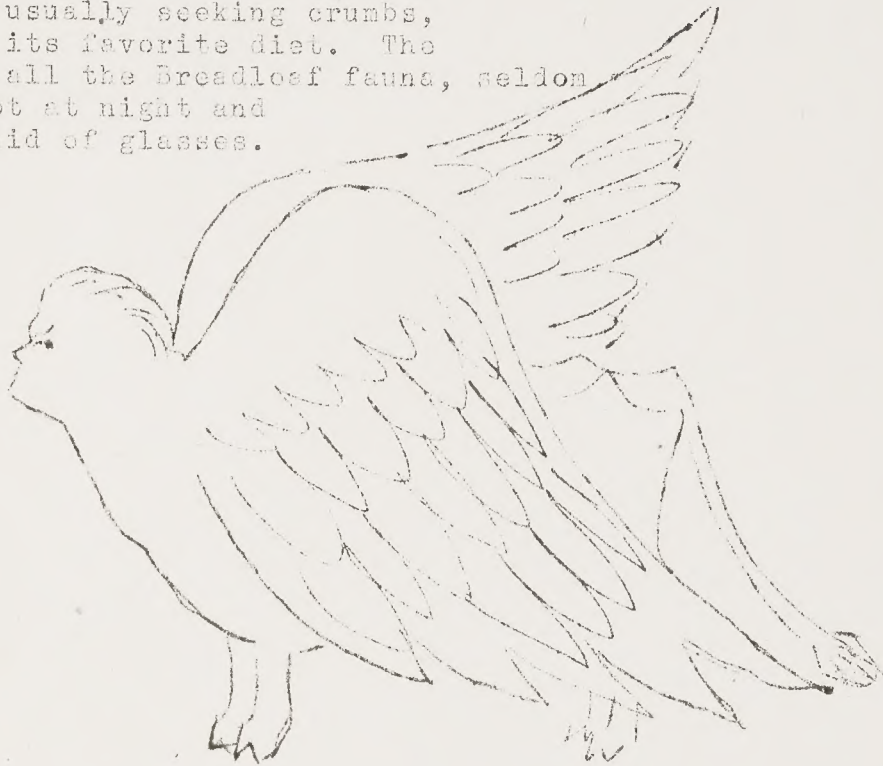
(below) CROCODILE LOUISAE - Habitat - the untermire, out of which it rises from time to time to inhale the pure, clear, poetic air of Treman cottage.





(below) WINGED BULL - Habitat unknown.

In constant Brownian movement when observed, usually seeking crumbs, which are its favorite diet. The shyest of all the Breadloaf fauna, seldom seen except at night and with the aid of glasses.



(below) SALAMANDER. This specimen (known locally as Helen Blazes) is highly regarded for its ability to remain cool amid the hottest plottings. (note) This is only a sketch in deference to the salamander's preference for this form.



(below) GIANT STING RAY.

Habitat - Tennis courts. Alternatively applies head or tale to the publishing racket to obtain the whip-lash service for which the little brown members of the species are celebrated.

